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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Replace paragraph 0019 with the amended paragraph as follows:

[0019] As is seen in Fig. 1, a one-piece first, or front rear, drawbar 10 extends from the right end of the gas spring 5 to the area of the force-amplifier 7. In that connection, the front (left) end of the first drawbar 10 in Fig. 1 is received in an axially extending recess 4 of a second, or rear front, drawbar 11, in relation to which the first drawbar 10 can move in the longitudinal direction by a limited distance. A spring 12 arranged between the front end of the first drawbar 10 and a recess of the second drawbar 11 damps the same motion. When the first drawbar 10 is displaced forwardly (towards the left in Fig. 1), the spring 12 will push the second drawbar 11 also forwardly (towards the left) before a flange 17 of the first drawbar 10 gets into contact with the second drawbar 11. At its front end, the second drawbar 11 has a male thread 13, which cooperates with a female thread 14 of an activating means 15 of the clamping member 9. Thus, the male thread 13 and the female thread 14 together form a first threaded joint. The second drawbar 11 is included as part of the force-amplifier 7 and both the second drawbar 11 and the activating means 15 are axially displaceable in the channel 3 of the casing 1.

Replace paragraph 0026 with the amended paragraph as follows:

[0026] Each set of cooperating wedges of the force-amplifier 7 comprises a first, or radially inner outer, wedge 22 as well as a second, or radially outer inner, wedge 23, said wedges 22 and 23 being arranged in an appurtenant countersink 24 in the first drawbar 10. Thereby, the radial space requirement for each set of wedges 22, 23 is reduced.